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Scarcity conditions in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1133 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether reports have been received from the local authorities regarding scarcity conditions in certain parts of Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) if so, the taluks in respect of which reports have been received;

(*c*) the relief measures suggested by the District Collector; and

(*d*) the action taken by the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes."

" (*b*) The Collector's report was for the district as a whole.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Special remissions, postponement of collection of loan instalments and cesses and postponement of collection of unremitted kist of fasli 1361 in the affected areas have been ordered."

Purchase of the works of any Andhra Poet or Man of Letters.

* 1134 *Q.*—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with reference to answer to unstarred question No. 37, dated 25th November 1952, that instructions commending the purchase of the works of Poet Bharathi for use in all public libraries have been issued by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras; whether similar circulars have been so far issued about the works of any Andhra Poet or Andhra Man of Letters?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes."

Dam across Agnimionshananathiyar in Alangudi taluk, Pudukkottai.

* 1135 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the proposed dam construction across Agnimionshananathiyar in Karuppathypatti-Karambakkudy Revenue vattams in Alangudi taluk of Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, admits of two proposals called 'A' and 'B';

(*b*) the details of each of the proposals A and B;

(*c*) the extent of acreage cultivable under each of the proposals A and B;

(*d*) the number of pattadars to be benefited under each of the proposals A and B;

(*e*) the estimated cost of each of the proposals A and B; and

(*f*) when any or both of the proposals will be taken up for execution?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No.

" (b) to (f) The scheme for the construction of an anicut across the Agniar near Karambakudi is under investigation by the local Public Works Department Officers with reference to the question of availability of supply, etc. Hence particulars such as cost, ayacut, etc., are not available yet and it cannot be said now whether the scheme will be taken up for execution."

Slum improvement in the City.

* 1136 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Corporation of Madras applied for State aid for improvement of the slums in the City;

(b) the amount applied for and the amount sanctioned by the State Government; and

(c) what are the schemes placed before the Government as slum improvements?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) & (c) The Corporation of Madras has applied for grants for the following slum improvement schemes :—

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(1) Improvements to slums on Government, Corporation and private lands in the City carried out by the Corporation up to the end of November 1952	4,55,000
(2) Improvements effected to the slum in Kanniappa Nagar	73,000
(3) Improvements proposed to be effected to the slums on the Government lands in Lime Kilncheri, Tiruvalluvarpuram and Palmyrah Kuppam	52,840
Total ...	5,80,840

" The request of the Corporation for the payment of grants in respect of the above schemes is under consideration."

Bridge-cum-regulator over the Krishna river.

* 1137 Q.—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government have received the approval of the estimate for Krishna bridge-*cum*-regulator from the Government of India; and

(b) if so, when and how the Government is going to implement it?